

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended based on the disclosure at, e.g., page 7, line 12 in the present application.

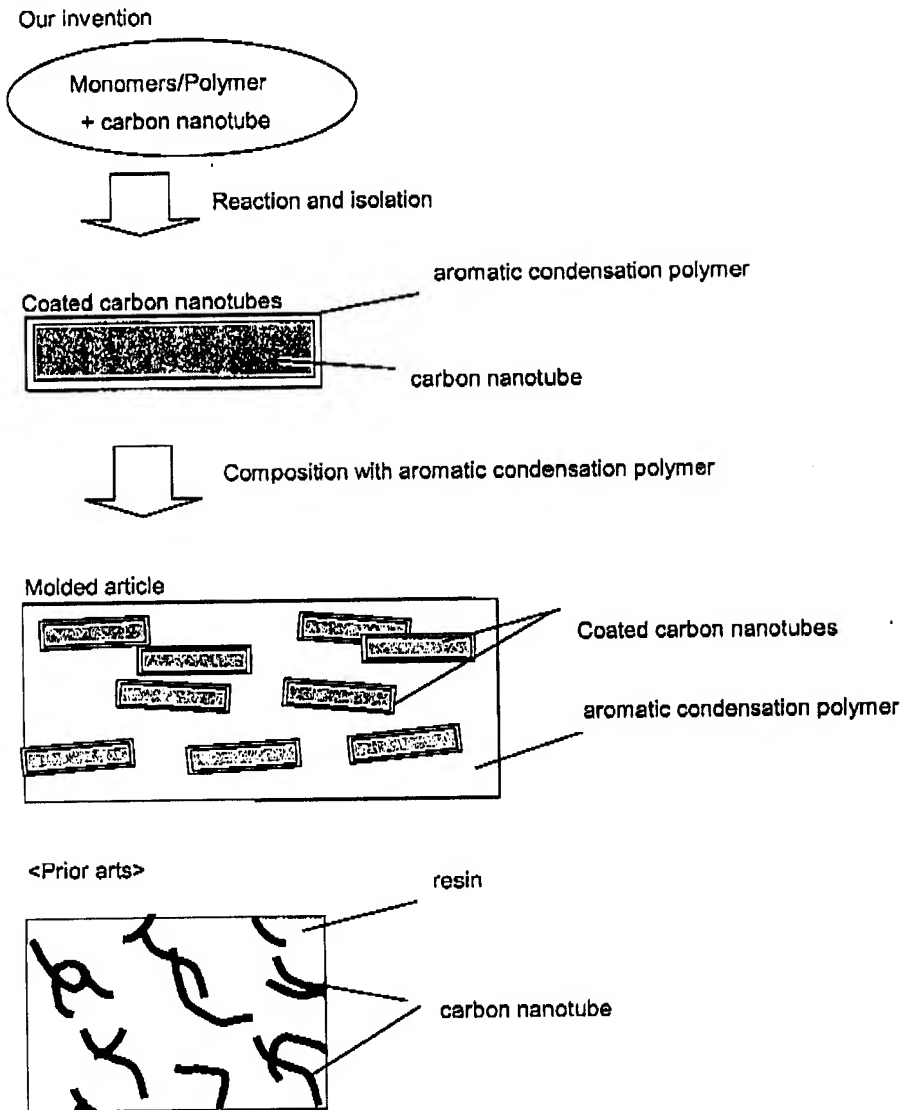
Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

Art Rejection

On page 2 of the Office Action, in paragraph 2, claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Gerard '134, JP '939, WO '049.

In response, Applicants note initially that a feature of the producing method of the present invention's coated carbon nanotubes is "monomers/polymers and carbon nanotubes are reacted, and the resulting reaction product is dissolved in an organic solvent or acidic solvent and filtered and isolated". The present invention's carbon nanotubes are coated by chemical reaction, especially polymerization, and isolated. The surface of the carbon nanotubes is coated or wrapped by aromatic condensation polymer on the molecular level. There is no isolation step in the prior art. And there are no suggestions to lead to the present invention in the prior art.

To assist in the understanding of the present invention, Applicants set forth below a diagram illustrating the present invention and comparing it with the prior art.



From the above remarks and diagram, it can be seen that the prior art neither teaches nor suggests the present invention, and thus withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the


AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Application No.: 10/542,641

Attorney Docket No.: Q89068

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce E. Kramer
Registration No. 33,725

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE

23373

CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: November 9, 2009